



Agriculture in Idaho

Cooperating with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture
Idaho Field Office • PO Box 1699 • Boise, Idaho 83701

(800) 691-9987 • (208) 334-1507 • (208) 334-1114 FAX • www.nass.usda.gov



ISSUE 2-12

February 1, 2012

Idaho Milk Production Up 3.4 Percent

IN THIS ISSUE:

Milk Production
Red Meat Production
Cattle on Feed
Cold Storage

Idaho milk production during December 2011 totaled 1.11 billion pounds, a 3.4 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 4.2 percent from November 2011. Average milk production per cow in December 2011 was 1,910 pounds, up 40 pounds from last year's level. The average number of milk cows during December was 581,000 head, up 7,000 from December 2010.

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 15.4 billion pounds, up 2.7 percent from December 2010. November revised production at 14.7 billion pounds, was up 2.2 percent from November 2010. The November revision represented an increase of 3 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,818 pounds for December, 27 pounds above December 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.49 million head, 99,000 head more than December 2010, and 12,000 head more than November 2011.

Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, December 2010-2011

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2010
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	184	191	1,970	1,965	362	375	3.6
California	1,749	1,779	1,925	1,965	3,367	3,496	3.8
Colorado	123	131	1,985	1,955	224	256	4.9
Florida	114	120	1,660	1,600	189	192	1.6
Idaho	574	581	1,870	1,910	1,073	1,110	3.4
Illinois	98	99	1,640	1,690	161	167	3.7
Indiana	171	174	1,685	1,790	288	306	6.3
Iowa	207	203	1,775	1,850	367	376	2.5
Kansas	122	123	1,805	1,780	220	219	-0.5
Michigan	361	370	1,920	1,950	693	722	4.2
Minnesota	470	465	1,605	1,635	754	760	0.8
Missouri	95	93	1,230	1,240	117	115	-1.7
New Mexico	321	334	2,065	2,025	663	676	2.0
New York	611	610	1,750	1,755	1,069	1,071	0.2
Ohio	270	270	1,610	1,625	435	439	0.9
Oregon	121	123	1,660	1,650	201	203	1.0
Pennsylvania	543	539	1,640	1,650	891	889	-0.2
Texas	420	435	1,845	1,855	775	807	4.1
Utah	86	89	1,780	1,800	153	160	4.6
Vermont	135	133	1,575	1,595	213	212	-0.5
Virginia	95	96	1,510	1,530	143	147	2.8
Washington	252	263	1,945	1,950	490	513	4.7
Wisconsin	1,265	1,265	1,705	1,750	2,157	2,214	2.6
23 State Total	8,387	8,486	1,791	1,818	15,025	15,425	2.7

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Find agricultural statistics for your county, State, and the Nation at www.nass.usda.gov.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer

Idaho December Red Meat Production Down 78 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for December 2011 totaled 3.5 million pounds, down 78 percent from last year. Accumulated red meat production for the January-December 2011 period totaled 93.5 million pounds, down 54 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.22 billion pounds in December, down 3 percent from the 4.35 billion pounds produced in December 2010. Beef production, at 2.13 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.75 million head, down 6 percent from December 2010. The average live weight was down 8 pounds from the previous year, at 1,297 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.7 million pounds, 8 percent below December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,900 head, down 6 percent from December 2010. The average live weight was down 8 pounds from last year, at 253 pounds. Pork production totaled 2.07 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.94 million head, up slightly from December 2010. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 278 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.5 million pounds, was down 16 percent from December 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 180,700 head, 16 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, up 1 pound from December a year ago. January to December 2011 commercial red meat production was 49.2 billion pounds, up slightly from 2010. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 9 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	December 2010	November 2011	December 2011	December 2011 As Percent Of 2010 ^{2/}
	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
California	156.0	147.5	146.8	94
Colorado	184.5	170.0	179.3	97
Idaho	16.1	3.8	3.5	22
Illinois	239.6	264.4	257.8	108
Iowa	595.0	604.5	595.6	100
Kansas	461.4	424.8	416.6	90
Minnesota	247.0	248.7	251.5	102
Montana	1.7	1.7	1.8	104
Nebraska	629.8	612.5	606.6	96
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	126
Oklahoma	105.5	104.0	98.6	93
Oregon	5.0	6.3	5.6	112
South Dakota	96.0	101.0	96.5	101
Texas	437.8	402.2	404.4	92
Utah	37.2	37.3	37.7	101
Washington	72.0	74.9	70.8	98
Wyoming	0.6	0.5	0.6	89
UNITED STATES	4,352.8	4,259.7	4,216.4	97

^{1/} Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. ^{2/} Percentages based on unrounded data.

Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 4 Percent from Previous Year

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on January 1, 2012 totaled 230,000 head, down 4 percent from the previous year. The cattle on feed inventory is down 2 percent from December 1, 2011. Placements of cattle in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during December totaled 36,000 head, down 6,000 head from December 2010 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during December totaled 40,000 head, up 5,000 head from last month and a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head during December.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.9 million head on January 1, 2012. The inventory was 3 percent above January 1, 2011. The inventory included 7.28 million steers and steer calves, up 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.50 million head, up 6 percent from 2011. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.68 million, 6 percent below 2010. Net placements were 1.59 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 550,000, 600-699 pounds were 390,000, 700-799 pounds were 365,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 378,000. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.80 million, 2 percent below 2010. Other disappearance totaled 91,000 during December, 40 percent above 2010.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots¹

State	January 1, 2011	December 1, 2011	January 1, 2012		
			Number	As % of 2011	As % of December
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	258	290	279	108	96
California	470	505	510	109	101
Colorado	1,080	1,160	1,150	106	99
Idaho	240	235	230	96	98
Iowa	640	610	620	97	102
Kansas	2,280	2,360	2,250	99	95
Nebraska	2,430	2,560	2,550	105	100
Oklahoma	375	385	375	100	97
South Dakota	260	265	260	100	98
Texas	2,840	3,000	2,940	104	98
Washington	209	236	232	111	98
Other States	432	459	465	108	101
United States	11,514	12,065	11,861	103	98

Frozen Stocks

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on December 31, 2011, totaled 802 million pounds, a decrease of 2 percent from December 31, 2010 and down 5 percent from November 30, 2011. Other frozen potatoes, at 196 million pounds, decreased 1 percent from last year and decreased 6 percent from the previous month.

United States stocks of butter on December 31, 2011, totaled 105 million pounds, up 29 percent from the end of the previous year, and up 12 percent from the previous month. Stocks of total American cheese totaled 601 million pounds, down 5 percent from December 31, 2010, and up 3 percent from November 30, 2011.

Commodity	Dec 31, 2010	Nov 30, 2011	Dec 31, 2011	Percent of	
				Dec 2010	Nov 2011
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
POTATOES:					
French Fries	820,872	843,646	802,218	98	95
Other Frozen	198,033	210,005	196,421	99	94
Total	1,018,905	1,053,651	998,639	98	95
DAIRY:					
Butter	81,695	93,523	105,180	129	112
Natural Cheese					
American, Total	630,789	583,993	600,666	95	103